India believes that the CTBT should be an integral part of a nuclear disarmament process leading to total elimination of nuclear weapons within a timebound framework.

Recovery of arms in Chennai

1848. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN:
SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM:
SHRI R. MARGABANDU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantities of arms and ammunitions were recovered near Madhavaram in Chennai recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in connection therewith;

(c) whether the involvement of any foreign national or agency has been identified so far; and

(d) whether Government have instructed the Government of Tamil Nadu to have strict givil throughout the State to avert any untoward incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to the information received from Government of Tamil Nadu, no arms and ammunition were recovered at madhavaram. However, the following Explosive Substances were seized at a Transport Godown, Madhavaram:

(i) 6,240 Gelating Sticks in 15 Bundles;

(ii) 1,500 Detonators in one bundle.

(b) 13 persons have been arrested and sent for remand.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The State Police has been alerted to be on the vigil.

Misappropriation of public fund in Uttar Pradesh

1849. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the newsitem published in 'Jansatta' of 13th January, 1997 under the caption "Uttar Pradesh main Sarkari Dhan Ki Loot Mein Kohi Bhi Phichey Nahin";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the action being taken in this regard against those persons who are found quilty/involved; and

(c) if no action has been taken the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement of conditions of prison

1850. SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued notices to Union and all State Governments asking for their response within three months on certain legislative and administative measures suggested by the Court to improve conditions of prisons and to provide better facilities to prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre and all State Governments submitted their responses into the matter; and if so, the final outcome of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS